

NEW RADNOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

RADNORSHIRE

JOINT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1969

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(including Parish they represent)

AND

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Medical Officer of Health - Dr. R.H. Jobson, M.B., Ch.B.,

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector - L. Allen, M.A.P.H.I.



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To the Chairman and Members of the New Radnor Rural District Council,

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 1969 together with the Report of your Public Health Inspector.

I would like to thank Mr. Allen for his help and co-operation during the year.

Richard H. Jobson, M.B., Ch.B.,
Medical Officer of Health.

1. STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	51,892
Estimated population	1,980
Number of houses	661
Rateable Value (as at 31.3.69)	£34,903
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£131

2. VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
(a) Live Births (legitimate)	25	8	17
" " (illegitimate)	2	1	1
	<u>27</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>18</u>
Still births (legitimate)	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>
" " (illegitimate)	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>NIL</u>

(b) Infant Mortality

(i)	Death of infants under 1 year	-	1
(ii)	" " " " 4 weeks	-	NIL
(iii)	" " " " 1 week	-	NIL

(c) Causes of deaths

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
B 5 Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	1	1	-
B 19 (4) Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	2	2	-
B 19 (6) " " - Lung, Bronchus	1	1	-
B 19 (7) " " - Breast	1	-	1
B 19 (11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	1	-
B 46 (4) Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc	1	-	1
B 28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	4	3	1
B 29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	2	1
B 30 Cerebrovascular Disease	4	1	3
B 46 (6) Other Diseases of Respiratory system	1	1	-
DEATHS - ALL AGES	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>

3. INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The district has remained comparatively free from infectious and other diseases during the year under review.

4. TUBERCULOSIS

The County Medical Officer deals with all aspects of this disease.

5. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

The County Council is the responsible Authority for the execution of this Act.

Laboratory Facilities - These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford and the Public Analyst's Laboratory at Carmarthen.

To the Chairman and Members of the New Radnor Rural District Council,

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I have pleasure in presenting this part of the Joint Annual Report for the year 1969.

At the present time extreme urgency is needed for the modernization of old houses. The main considerations before a building can be improved are availability of a satisfactory water supply and facilities for the drainage of the property. One, or both of these essentials are lacking in parts of this rural area.

In New Radnor parish, whilst an excellent water supply is available, frustration is caused because there is no mains drainage scheme resulting in sub-standard living conditions. Younger families move out to find better housing conditions with resultant rural depopulation.

Any future major development in the village of New Radnor could not be entertained without the Council's proposed drainage scheme being implemented.

L. Allen, M.A.P.H.I.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

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WATER SUPPLIES

Sampling - Below are the reports on bacteriological analysis of samples of water taken in the district:-

SUPPLY	TREATMENT	R E S U L T S		
		samples taken	satisfactory	unsatisfactory
New Radnor & district	Filtration & chlorination	6	6	-
Franksbridge	"	2	2	-
Gladestry	"	2	1	1
Others	NIL	6	2	4
	TOTALS	16	11	5

No chemical analysis of water has been taken and there is no information on the fluoride content of water supplies - although fluoride is added to the Llandegley supply.

Quality - The quality of mains water has remained satisfactory.

In some cases results of bacteriological samples of water from existing private supplies have been unsatisfactory, but this has invariably been due to owner/occupier neglecting to maintain his own source of supply adequately.

In the Newchurch area my Council had to implement their powers under the Public Health Act 1936 to ensure that a satisfactory water supply was maintained to premises in this parish.

WATER SUPPLIES - continued

Quantity - Shortage of water occurred in the Franksbridge area due to a breakdown in the mains supply.

Shortages of water were also experienced in the Newchurch, Kinnerton, Weythel and Trewern parishes. These parishes have no mains water supply, but it is the intention of the Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board to supply mains water into these areas, work to commence in the Newchurch area during 1970.

The number of dwellings and estimated population supplied with piped or other supplies of water are given below:-

Total Number of properties	Mains water supply		Private Supplies	
	into house	by standpipe	into house	otherwise
661	265	26	225	145

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

EXISTING

Llandegley - The small sewage treatment unit treating sewerage from Council houses, school, canteen and some private dwellings has operated satisfactorily.

Evenjobb and Gladestry - Two small treatment works treat sewerage from six Council houses respectively. Discharge is into soakaways and there is no overflow into water courses.

New Radnor - Small works taking sewerage from 14 Council houses, school, canteen and some private dwellings, but works were only originally intended for the 14 Council houses. It consists of screen and settlement tank with effluent running into closed ditches. There is a small sludge drying bed. There is no discharge into water course.

Regular de-sludging of the above mentioned works is carried out.

PROPOSED

Llandegley - Following an approach from Rhayader R.D.C., my Council agreed to a survey being made of a part of the Llandegley parish with a view to their being included in a joint sewerage and sewage disposal scheme.

New Radnor - The scheme for sewerage and sewage disposal for the township of New Radnor has been completed on paper and the "go ahead" is now awaited from the Welsh Office.

Further nuisances have occurred in the village, in particular from the two hotels and bakery. Improvements have been carried out to the existing private disposal soakaways at these premises, but this is only of short term duration.

Old Radnor - It is intended to build four new Council houses in this parish, and includes provision for a small sewage treatment unit for these, and any future development.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The collection of household refuse continues to be carried out by contract and disposal is by means of controlled tipping on three separate refuse tips.

Since the 1st April, 1969 my Council agreed to a twice monthly collection, of household refuse throughout the whole of their district, of bins placed out beside public highways on the appropriate day.

No complaints were received from the public regarding the three refuse tips. The Council themselves are experiencing difficulty from cars being dumped on these refuse tips. Where permission is asked for beforehand, the Council have agreed to cars from local people being placed on their tips, providing these vehicles are broken-up and properly laid over side of tip.

HOUSING

Further improvements have been carried out to dwellings in the area.

Housing Survey - Below is a revised list showing present standard of fitness of houses in the district:-

No. of houses	Categories		
	1 & 2	3	4 & 5
661	366	225	70

Unfit dwellings - Several of the 70 unfit houses are now empty and undertakings have been obtained from owners not to re-let these houses until they have been made fit to the Council's satisfaction.

Private dwellings - Seven houses were erected during the year and there was one house under construction at the end of the year.

Council houses - Approval has now been received for erection of four Council houses at Old Radnor and building of these houses should commence early in the new year.

Improvement Grants - Below are figures comparing the number of grants approved in 1969 with those for previous years:-

Standard

Year	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
No. of applications received	8	4	9	10	16

1968 figure includes 4 Council houses.

1969 figure includes 7 Council houses.

Only two Council houses now remain to be brought up to the 5 point standard. Both of the tenants have objected to improvements being carried out.

Discretionary

Year	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
No. of applications approved	1	2	2	2	3
Amount of grant approved	£260	£800	£735	£800	£1210

CARAVAN SITES

There are four holiday caravan sites in the area, each with siting space for twelve caravans. Whilst three of these sites are operating fairly satisfactorily, the fourth site is considering closing down.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council continue to make free poison bait available for treatment to domestic premises. Farm premises carry out treatments directly themselves or through private operators by contract. Infestations have occurred on Council refuse tips, but these have been promptly dealt with.

FOOD PREMISES & FOOD INSPECTION

Food Premises - These premises are summarised as follows:-

Cafe	- 1
Butchers Shop	- 1
Bakery	- 1
Grocery Stores	- 7
Public Houses	- 8
School Canteens	- 6
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TOTAL	24

Food & Drugs Act 1955 Section 16

No. of premises registered for the storage and sale of ice cream	- 12
No. of premises registered for the preparation and sale of sausages	- 1
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TOTAL	13

These premises are visited on an average twice a year, either directly or in conjunction with visits for other purposes.

The Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls & Delivery vehicles) Regulations 1966.

Mobile food vans - Inspections of vans operating in the area have been made, but to date these have been found to be satisfactory.

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS

Premises	No. on register	No. of inspections
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	4	3
Factories not included above in which section 7 is enforced by L.A.	8	8

Factories Act 1961 - Section 133

Two outworkers are resident in the district. Both of these premises have been inspected.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

No further applications for registration of premises have been received, and visits to existing premises registered were only made in conjunction with visits for other purposes.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

RE: REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
FOR THE YEAR 1967

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